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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 October 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,6-10,12,14-16,18-20 and 26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,6-10,12,14-16,18-20 and 26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment and arguments of October 27, 2008 have been entered.
2. After careful updated search and reconsideration, the allowability of the claims as indicated in the office action of May 27, 2008 is withdrawn because of the newly cited prior art. A new office action is issued as follows.
3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-10, 12, 14-16, 18-20, and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Field in view of Rawl.

Field discloses a delivery system of a composition, the system comprising a pocket 4, a system (5 and 6) for attaching the pocket to a surface, and an absorbent pad 7 as recited, wherein the pocket includes an opening 8 and shaped such that the pad may be received and held securely within the pocket but is removable therefrom via the opening, the pocket comprising a single piece construction from a flexible member folded over itself to define first and second layers (2 and 3), the layers being attached to each other along part of their peripheries and unattached along other parts of their peripheries, the unattached parts providing the opening 8 as recited, and wherein the flexible member comprises a material that prevents the composition from passing through its structure to the skin but enables an inhalable vapor to be released therethrough. Field does not disclose the first layer including an extended part as recited. Rawl teaches a container comprising a pocket and a single piece construction

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from a flexible member folded over itself to define first and second layers 18 attached to each other along part of their peripheries and unattached along other parts of their peripheries (when the fold 16 is opened), the unattached parts providing an opening for receiving and removing a device, wherein the first layer includes an extended part 16 that extends beyond the second layer adjacent the opening wherein the first layer is folded such that the extended part and the second layer overlap (when the fold 16 is in its closed position) and wherein the extended part 16 provides a closure member for retaining a device in the pocket. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified the device of Field by providing to the first layer an extended part as recited since such an arrangement has been taught by Rawl to easily remove a composition from the pocket or insert a composition into the pocket. The types of composition as recited in claims 8-10 are matters of user preference. Regarding claim 12, the device of Field also comprises a decorative face 12 which can carry an advertisement and regarding claim 18, it would have been a matter of operator choice to attach the device to a garment.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Davis D. Hwu whose telephone number is 571-272-4904. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Len Tran can be reached on 571-272-1184. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval

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/Davis D Hwu/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3752